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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote No. 520. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 520.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,946,228,427,416.76. We've added \$7,319,351,378,503.68 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL BAEZ ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, when deployed abroad our men and women in uniform face some of the most challenging, and adverse conditions possible—often staring down death or forced to cope with the loss of friends and comrades in arms. To help deal with such trauma, servicemembers frequently rely on the men and women of the chaplain's corps to provide spiritual, emotional and mental guidance through these tough times. This week, Samuel Baez, of Waterford Connecticut, is being inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame for his lifelong commitment to helping both active soldiers and veterans find meaning, purpose and religious guidance while in and out of uniform.

In 1962, while deployed to Vietnam, Sam led the memorial service for the first operational deaths of a group of Marines in DaNang. The names of these seven soldiers are now engraved on panel one of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

Despite seeing such horrors during wartime, Sam continued to serve the military community, veterans, and civilians long after retiring from service. He traveled the world and helped counsel individuals of various backgrounds and religious faiths. Sam was able to

translate his experiences in war to help orphans and the elderly both at home and abroad.

Today, Sam remains active in the veterans community, serving as both a chaplain, counseling individual soldiers and veterans, as well as frequently guest speaking to larger groups at a variety of events. Sam and his wife have also opened their home to cadets from the Coast Guard Academy in New London as parental sponsors to provide respite from the rigorous academic environment on campus and to augment their educational experience.

For his tireless devotion to supporting the mental and emotional well-being of American service members, I am proud to recognize Samuel Baez and wish him the best during his induction into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA BOLLINGER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sandra Bollinger from Sikeston, Missouri for her success in the medical field and service to our community.

Sandra Bollinger has set a wonderful example of hard work and a dedication to serve others. For thirty years Sandra has worked in the medical field as a pharmacist, providing needed care and service to families in southeast Missouri. As a reputable pharmacist and driven businesswoman Sandra also opened and owned the first licensed Class I consulting pharmacy in the state of Missouri.

Ms. Bollinger is a great example of the success a person can reach when they are passionate and motivated about what they do. From serving others behind the counter, to educating new students in medicine, Sandra has truly become a leader in her field.

Outside her normal work, Ms. Bollinger devotes time to volunteer and is active in the community. She has served in numerous organizations using her expertise to advise both adults and the youth.

It is my pleasure to recognize her efforts and accomplishments before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE 2014 BARBOURSVILLE INTERMEDIATE LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, according to their team manager, Coach Dell Adkins, the 2014 Barboursville Intermediate Little League All-Stars "had that look in their eyes" this past season when they climbed their way all the way to the best of the best—the World Series in Livermore, California. And what a season it was as they claimed championship after championship including West Virginia District 1, West Virginia State, and the Southeast Regional Championship in Apopka, Florida.

The Barboursville champs compiled quite a team record this past season, as well. They finished All-Stars with a 12–2 record and All-Star play sixth in the world. They outscored opponents 193–69 with a team batting average of 0.438. The defeated State Champions from North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida to win the Southeast Region and California and Michigan during the World Series. And they stole 22 bases during the World Series, just one shy of the World Series record of 23 set by Japan; they also hit 25 homeruns during Southeast Region play.

Individually, the team's contributions are just as exemplary:

Griffin Adkins (CF, Pitcher) tied for the team lead with 24 hits, led the team with 43 total bases and runs scored with 29, tied for team lead with 5 HR's and was the winning pitcher against Michigan during World Series play.

Brody Aliff (1B, Pitcher) was the winning pitcher in the SE region semi-finals against South Carolina, top 4 in southeast region Homerun Derby, scoring 18 runs.

Brett Armbruster (Outfield) had an on base percentage of 0.417 and 8 stolen bases.

Hogan Carter (1B, SS, 3B, Pitcher) led team in slugging avg of 0.976 and RBI's with a total of 23, batted 0.512 and scored 22 runs.

Trey Chapman (SS, Pitcher) led the team in batting average at 0.522 and tied for team lead with 24 hits, second in runs scored with 25, winning pitcher against California during World Series play.

Luke Ellis (Catcher, Pitcher) led the team in on-base percentages at 0.615 and for stolen bases with a total of 21. He was the winning pitcher in SE region championship game against Florida.

Kristian Gerwig (Outfield, Catcher) batted 0.440, and was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI's against California in World Series play.

Jayce Gould (2B, Pitcher) tied for team lead with 5 HR's, second in RBI's with a total of 21, and he had 21 runs scored. He hit the only homerun for Barboursville during World Series play against the eventual World Series Champions Arizona.

Camron Lewis (Outfield, 3B, 1B, Pitcher) batted 0.375 during Southeast Regional play. He pitched one scoreless inning during World Series play against the eventual World Series champions, Arizona.

Austin Petry (Catcher, 3B, Outfield) batted 0.419 during All-Star play with 2 HR's and 11 runs scored.

Ivan Vaughn (Outfield, Catcher) led the team with 3 triples, batted 0.436, scored 15 runs, and had 19 stolen bases.

Peyton Weekly (Catcher, 3B, Pitcher) led team with 6 doubles, batted 0.478, 16 RBI's, scored 19 runs, and was the winner of the Southeast Region Homerun Derby.

The team was most fortunate to have a talented and dedicated coaching staff that included Manager, Dell Adkins and coaches, Pat Carter and Randy Coyle.

Mr. Speaker, the 2014 Barboursville Intermediate Little League All-Stars not only had that look in their eyes they had good sportsmanship and fair play in their hearts. The invaluable lessons this young team learned on the field during this stellar season under the sound guidance of their coaches will well serve them, as well as our nation, off the field in the years and decades to come.